

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE-MAKING

In accordance with Rhode Island General Law (RIGL) 42-35 and 42-72-5, notice is hereby given that the Department of Children, Youth and Families proposes to amend the following DCYF rule:

GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED)

This rule, previously entitled Education: General Education Development (GED) Program, is being amended in compliance with the federal court order relating to RI Training School residents, the accreditation standards of the American Correctional Association (ACA) for Juvenile Training Schools and Juvenile Detention Facilities, the accreditation standards of the Correctional Education Association, and the opening of new facilities. The rule is amended to provide comprehensive direction to educational staff on the components of the General Education Development (GED) Program, including testing and reporting of results. The previous version of this policy, refiled 1/5/07, is superseded by this amended version.

In the amendment of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

This amended rule is accessible on the R.I. Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sec.state.ri.us/ProposedRules/>) and the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>) or available in hard copy upon request (401-528-3685). Interested persons should submit data, views or written comments by July 26, 2010 to Susan Bowler, Administrator for Families and Children, Department of Children, Youth and Families, 101 Friendship Street, Providence, RI 02903 (Susan.Bowler@dcyf.ri.gov).

In accordance with RIGL 42-35-3, an oral hearing will be granted if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, by an agency or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within thirty (30) days of this notice.

~~Education:~~ General Education Development (GED) ~~Program~~

Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families
Division of Juvenile Correctional Services: Training School

Policy: 1200.1731

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The Education Program provides ~~student~~residents with the opportunity to obtain an alternative diploma whenever appropriate. The High School Equivalency Diploma Program, also ~~known as~~ known as GED (General Education Development (GED)), ~~a~~has the objective of awarding Senior High School Equivalency Diplomas to ~~resident~~persons who successfully complete ~~a series of five~~ testing in conformance with RI Department of Education regulations.

Related Procedures

~~Education:~~ General Education Development (GED) ~~Program~~

Related Policy

Education Program: Structure and Operations

Education: General Education Development (GED) Program

Procedure from Policy 1200.1731: ~~Education: General Education Development (GED) Program~~

- A. ~~Eligible residents are~~~~A component of the educational program includes an~~ assessed for enrollment of the appropriateness of enrolling students in the General Education Development (GED) Program. The assessment determines the ~~resident~~student's desire and ability to obtain a GED. ~~This program is provided at no cost to the students.~~
- B. ~~Resident~~~~At a minimum, students~~ must also meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - 1. Have attained 16 years of age;
 - 2. Not be enrolled or required to be enrolled in high school under State law;
 - 3. Lack sufficient mastery of basic educational skills that would allow them to reach their full potential;
 - 4. Not have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent (GED).
- C. ~~P~~~~The successful preparation for~~ and success on the subsequent GED examination includes study in the following subject ~~areas~~:
 - 1. Writing Skills, Part I : Sentence structure, usage, sSpelling, punctuation, capitalization
 - 2. Writing Skills, Part II: Essay
 - 3. Social Studies: History, Economics, Political Sscience, Geography, Behavioral Sciences
 - 4. Science: Life Sscience, Physical Sciences
 - 5. Interpreting Literature and the Arts: Popular literature, Classical literature, Commentary on Literature and the Arts
 - 6. Mathematics: Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry
- D. Resident~~Students~~ must receive a passing score ~~of 2,250 with an average score of 450 (but no test below the score of 500)~~410 in all subject areas as determined by the American Council on Education and the RI Department of Education ~~to before they can~~ receive a GED.
- E. The GED Program is provided at no cost to residents.
- F. Paragraphs A - E are consistent with Correctional Education Association Standards 43 and 46, as well as, American Correctional Association Standards 3-JTS-5D-02; 3-JTS-5D-03; 3-JTS-5D-04; 3-JTS-5D-06; 3-JTS-5D- 07; and 3-JTS-5D-08.